Ute Tribe signs agreement as aid to Early start of Central Utah project

Defers claim to ultimate Program phase

An agreement which will remove some barriers to the orderly development of the Central Utah Project has been signed by the governing body of the Uintah-Ouray Tribe.

UNDER THE agreement the Indians temporarily waive use of water rights for more than 15,000 acres of reservation lands until the Central Utah Project reaches a stage at which the water can be replaced by exchanges from the Green River.

John S. Boyden, attorney for the tribe, said the agreement would be advantageous to the Indians, white farmers now using the water and to the project.

UTILIZATION by the Indians of their water rights at this time, Mr. Boyden said, would put some of the non-Indian users out of business. The deferment, he explained, will benefit the Indian owners of the rights by providing them with facilities to place a controlled water supply on the best land.

The agreement fixes the maximum period of the "water loan" to the year 2005. But it is expected that the water exchange facilities will be available before that time.

PRESENT AT THE meeting when the agreement was approved were five members of the Uintah-Ouray Tribal Business Committee — Chairman Francis Wyasket; Vice Chairman, Thomas Appah; Dan Appawoo, Max Chapoose and Frank Arrowchis. They voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Others present were R. O. Curry, director of resources for the tribe; E. L. Decker, consultant engineer and Supt. Melvin L. Schwartz.

MR. BOYDEN explained the details of the agreement during a day-long session of the business committee in Fort Duchesne.

Patience is the key of conten.

—Mahomet

UTES SIGN WATER PACT — Signing an agreement which removes some barriers to the orderly start of the Central Utah reclamation project were members of the Ute Tribal Business Committee. The signing took place last week during a day-long meeting of the committee. Affixing his signature as chairman of the UTBC is Francis Wyasket, left front. Seated also is Thomas Appah, vice-chairman. Standing are Supt. Melvin Schwartz, Uintah-Ouray Agency; John S. Boyden, Tribal attorney; Rex O. Curry, director of resources, and E. L. Decker, water consultant and engineer. —(Jensen Studios)

GUEST SPEAKER
Supt. Thomas Abplanalp will be guest speaker as Kiwanians recognize honor students tonight.